

March 17th

My name is Gwen A Grandmother standing up for my grandson.

In 2007, my grandson 17 years old, going into Senior High, loved being tops in football, never caused any serious trouble, well like in the community and at school.

It was summer and he had been attending football camp and just got home. Kids came to the door, they came into party, un-invited, he was popular. After the party at his family home and having sex with a 15 years old girl, he was arrested. His world was turned up-side down. Went to court, was honest of what happened. Did time in jail, and recently finished his probation. During this time he finished high school though Ad Ed. Was asked to go to a college to be on their football team, they knew of what happened to him and they wanted to give him a chance. He was getting good grades, they were good helping him to get adjusted, even financial, doing everything right. Later, someone made an issue that a SO was attending there, the college people brought him home and left. Another whole in our hearts.

Next, he went to MCC and finished some courses. Now he is attending another college playing football and track. They took him even after he told them of what happened. Continuing on getting decent grades, has a job on campus.

Housing hasn't been easy, Lot of times had to move after his probation officer said it was an OK place, once to find the Air miles stopped him from living around the corner a few blocks away. He has followed the rules of being on the SOL.

In 2007, I did send letters to most of the Michigan Senators and House of Representative to say the Law is so unfair, 25 years for the first time offender. Spoke personally to my Senator at that time. Even laid out the Tier of placement idea for the young offenders to him. I am so glad to know that it is coming to be true. Thanks You All so much for making this happen. This took a lot of time and knowledge and a Big Heart to do this.

We still don't know what Tier he will be on. Have to wait til he graduates so it doesn't bring attention to the college.

Next thing, as it is he won't be able go with the football team, who is planning a trip to Italy to Play football. He said he'll still help raise the money for the others to go, Knowing he can't leave the country.

Thank You for listening.